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PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY ATTENDS STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY EOP/AIM AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON



Presiding Officer Gregory congratulates 2016 Distinguished Advocate Howie Klein and Stony Brook University Educational Opportunity Program/ Advancement on Individual Merit students.

Amityville, NY –Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory served as a guest speaker at the Educational Opportunity Program/ Advancement on Individual Merit's (EOP/AIM) annual awards ceremony and Leadership Luncheon at Stony Brook University on Tuesday, April 26.

The Leadership Luncheon served as a kickoff event for the awards ceremony, and provided a forum for guest speakers, including Presiding Officer Gregory, to discuss the value of careers in public service with EOP/AIM student leaders.

"We were delighted to have Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory join us for both the Educational Opportunity Program/Advancement on Individual Merit (EOP/AIM) Awards Ceremony and our

EOP/AIM Leadership Luncheon,” said Cheryl Hamilton, Assistant Provost and Director of Stony Brook University’s EOP/AIM program. “We are grateful to Presiding Officer Gregory for so generously sharing his wisdom and expertise with these aspiring leaders.”

This year's Distinguished Advocate was the former president of Reprise and Warner Brothers Records, Stony Brook alumnus Howie Klein, who was recognized for his generous gift of \$2 million to fund scholarships for EOP/AIM students who will be pursuing careers in public service.

The Educational Opportunity Program/ Advancement on Individual Merit, which began in 1968, was created to fulfill New York State’s commitment to providing access to higher education to economically disadvantaged students who possess the potential to succeed in college. The primary mission of the EOP is to facilitate the recruitment, enrollment, retention, and graduation of these students. This is accomplished by providing EOP/AIM students with an array of educationally related support services including their Pre-Freshman Summer Academy, personal counseling and academic advising, tutoring services, workshops and access to the Computer Based Instruction and Tutorial laboratory.

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